

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Public Library Survey

Remember the deadline to submit the 2014 Public Library Survey (PLS) is November 15, 2014. The timely completion of the PLS, including responding to follow-up questions, is required in order to remain eligible for state aid. To access the survey go to <http://collect.btol.com>. For questions about the survey or for login or password information, please contact Terry Blauvelt at terry.blauvelt@sos.mo.gov or by phone at (417)895-6670.

Upcoming Webinar on Workforce Development – Library Partnerships – NCRC Test

The State Library will present a webinar: *Workforce Development – Library Partnerships – NCRC Test* on November 20, 2014, at 10 a.m. Registration is required and may be completed [online](#). The presenter, Frank Neely, is a research analyst with the Workforce Investment Board of Southwest Missouri and an ACT Certified Job Profiler, providing technical assistance to businesses desiring to require the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC) for their positions. Frank has partnered with Barry-Lawrence Regional Library and Sarcoxie Public Library to administer the NCRC test. During the webinar, Neely will discuss library partnerships and administration of the NCRC test.

NCRC is a certification that demonstrates achievement and a certain level of workplace employability skills in applied mathematics, locating information and reading for information. These three skills are highly desirable to employers when considering candidates for new hires and for promotions. Test questions are based on situations in the everyday work world.

Any questions regarding this webinar should be direct to Debbie Musselman at debbie.musselman@sos.mo.gov or (800) 325-0131.

3D Printers and Libraries

As more libraries bring 3D printers to their facilities, the legal implications for offering 3D services grow as well. To help libraries understand some of these concerns, the American Library Association has issued a press release entitled “Progress in the Making: An Introduction to 3D Printing and Public Policy.” It can be viewed in a [3D Tip Sheet](#).

Video on Book Care and Handling

Books and other library resources are a treasure, but they can be fragile and will not last unless something is done to help preserve them. Brigham Young University recently released an entertaining, yet informative training video on techniques library staff and others can use to help extend the life of books through simple care and handling. It can be viewed at [The Many Stations of Book Preservation](#).

Resources for Readers with Print Disabilities

Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library recently produced a webinar that is now archived on watch.more.net for viewing anytime. The 30-minute webinar targets librarians and other professionals serving the public to quickly inform about the broad range of resources and services available free of charge to eligible Missouri residents with print disabilities. Go to [Wolfner Talking Book and Braille Library](#) to view the webinar.

LSTA Technology Mini Grant Application for 2015 Projects Now Available Online

The Missouri State Library is pleased to announce a grant call for 2015 Technology Mini Grant projects. Technology Mini Grants are intended to help public libraries with funds for technology and automation equipment to improve network infrastructure. Grant applications are due January 7, 2015 (postmarked or hand-delivered).

Public library staff with questions regarding what is and is not eligible, or are new to grant writing and interested in the Technology Mini Grant program, are encouraged to attend one of two one-hour online information sessions that will provide eligibility guidance and grant writing tips. Sessions will

be held on November 6, 2014, at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed [online](#).

Applications are available online at [LSTA Grant Application Forms](#). For further information about any of the LSTA grant opportunities contact Shay Younger at (800) 325-0131 or Shay.Younger@sos.mo.gov.

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